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1. [redacted] the railroad bridge over the Haina River at Muskau was apparently not yet in use. The rails on the bridge looked rusty. As far as could be ascertained, the damage on the sunken pier on the Polish 25X1 of the river had not yet been repaired.

2. [redacted] it was learned that a spur track was under construction at Neubukow railroad station. This spur track may possibly extend to the Herik AAA range. About 100 workers were engaged on levelling work as far as a point 500 meters away from the railroad station. A large coal dump of the Soviet 25X1 Army was located at the point where the spur track branched off from the railroad line.²

3. The following information was obtained [redacted] 25X1

a. Minister Kramer ordered that the Sagrunda - Golm section of the Berlin Rail Circuit be completed by 15 May 1956. This construction project includes the building of a railroad bridge across Lake Templin.³

b. Work on the construction of the Hoyerswerda - Schwarze Pumpe railroad line is scheduled to be started in July 1955. Construction work in 1955 includes: 25X1

- (1) Construction of two tracks for the new freight station west of Hoyerswerda railroad station.
- (2) Construction of a passing siding at Knappenrode railroad station.
- (3) Reconditioning of the railroad bed for the second track on the Hoyerswerda - Knappenrode line; this second track was dismantled in 1945. 25X1
- (4) Execution of excavation work for 7 km of trackage on the line extending to Kombinat Schwarze Pumpe; construction of two abutments for two bridges over the Kleine Spree River; construction of a road up to the [redacted] and the [redacted] for a water pipeline running to the [redacted].

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- (5) Construction of three classification tracks in a total length of 1,200 meters at the Bluno railroad station on the Hoyerswerda - Neupetershain railroad line.

The costs for the construction work scheduled to be executed in 1955 has been estimated at 5 million DEM.⁴

4. The following information was obtained [redacted] 25X1
- a. ~~The [redacted] side~~ line section is still single-track. In practice, however, ~~double-track~~ traffic is conducted between ~~[redacted]~~ Wuhlheide, because the ~~[redacted]~~ Schoenhauer Allee - Stadtbahngastehaus - Ostkreuz - Wuhlheide line is ~~used~~ for traffic between these two places. The two lines between ~~[redacted]~~ and Wuhlheide are either used for one-way traffic or two-way traffic, depending on the situation.
- b. The train density on the Berlin Outer Freight Ring was estimated at a total of about 50 trains in both directions within a 24-hour period.
5. On 1 June, it was observed that a concrete side-loading ramp had been built at the Prora railroad station. This ramp has been built in such a way that two tracks can be served. The ramp is about 6 meters wide and 20 to 25 meters long.⁶
6. A questionnaire of the KVP Transport Control Headquarters attached to RBD Schwerin which must be filled out by all railroad agencies of the district. ~~See appendix for a translation of the questionnaire.~~
1. [redacted] Comment. The reconstruction of the railroad bridge over the Neisse River at Muskau was completed in February 1954. It appears that load tests made on the bridge revealed damages on bridge piers which have not yet been repaired. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. This construction project may concern the reconstruction of the dismantled single-track narrow-gauge railroad line between Neubukow and Basdorf. On the other hand, the construction work reported may be connected with the improvement of the Neubukow railroad station. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Information on the closing of the last gap of the Berlin Rail Circuit (Westring Berlin) was transmitted previously. [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. This information refers to the "Ostring" section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring, the double-tracking of which is intended. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The alternate railroad line between ~~[redacted]~~ Wuhlheide uses the connecting curve of the elevated railroad system completed at Pankow in 1954 and the line section via Schoenhauer Allee railroad station and thus eliminates the French Sector of Berlin. 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. Information on the construction of a loading ramp at Prora on Ruegen Island for use by the KVP has been reported previously. [redacted] 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. For copy of the questionnaire, see Annex. The questionnaire has been designed to collect technical data on railroad installations which are of importance for military purposes. [redacted] 25X1

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Questionnaire of KVP Transportation Control Headquarters

Railroad station: No

Loading tracks: Number:..... Length

Cart road : " :..... LengthWidth.....

Side loading ramp: " :..... Length Width.....

End loading ramp: : " :..... Measurements..... Length of track.....

Combined side- and end-loading ramp: " :..... Measurements.....

Loading equipment:

Mobile loading ramps Number.....Load capacity (in tons).....

Loading ramps for animals Number.....Load capacity " "

Loading gangways "Load capacity " "

Swing crane "Load capacity " "

Gantry crane "Load capacity " "

Miscellaneous: Toilets Number Seats

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Washing rooms.....Number.....

Kitchens.....Capacity.....(for example: two boilers of 50 liters each)

Description of man-made structure

Auxiliary facilities:

1. Stabling locomotives Number.....Steam.....Diesel.....

2. Water pillars "Capacity.....

3. Turntable "Diameter.....

4. Coaling station "

(location of nearest coaling station) 1.....

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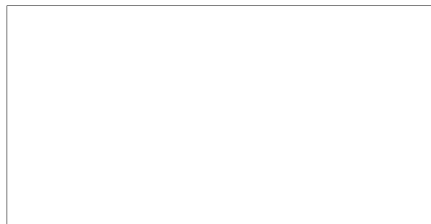
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Relief train:.....
Mobile medical station:.....
Hospital car:.....
Desinfecting plant:.....
Engine shed:.....housing on the average.....locomotives
Freight shed:.....floor space.....sq.m.
Miscellaneous:.....
Loading and unloading facilities: ~~Number of trains that~~
Number of trains that can be loaded:;
Number of trains that can be unloaded:.....



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